

## **CAP Development Committee Minutes**

13 February 2005

1830 Hours

### **1. Members participating:**

Col Lynda C. Robinson, CAP, Chairman  
Col Frank J. McConnell, CAP, Vice Chairman  
Col Jacquelyn L. Floyd, CAP  
Col Donald G. Jakusz, CAP  
Col Sheila J. Waldorf, CAP  
Lt Col Johnnetta C. Mayhew, CAP

### **2. Members absent:**

Col Robert M. Roser, CAP  
Col Joseph A. Guimond, CAP  
Major Diane Reid, CAP

### **3. Nonmembers participating:**

Col Richard A. Greenstone, Director, Health Services Group  
Col Russell M. Opland, Director, IT Groups  
Col Frank A. Buethe, Commander, NM Wing  
Col Russell Hodgkins, CAP-USAF/CV  
Ms Susan P. Parker, Nat Hqts Advisor/Recorder

4. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1830. The rules of engagement were reviewed and the Chairman asked that the Committee members be allowed to discuss each item first. Other participants will be given an opportunity to speak prior to a final vote being taken.

### **5. Old Business.**

**a. Modifications to the existing embroidered insignia worn on the Woodland Green BDU uniform.** This proposal suggested changing the blue and white embroidered insignia currently worn on the BDU uniform to the subdued insignia currently worn by the active forces (OD green backing with blue/brown thread). This item was first discussed by the Committee in August but final action was not taken. After a brief discussion it was determined that such a change would require Air Force approval and would not provide a clear distinction that individuals wearing this uniform were members of Civil Air Patrol. **The Committee voted to recommend the National Board disapprove this proposal.**

The proposal also suggested as alternative if the subdued insignia were not approved. The alternate suggestion requested changing the blue background to an OD green but keeping the current white thread for the insignia. **The Committee voted to recommend the National Board disapprove the alternate proposal as well.**

**b. Grade insignia on both collars of the BDU uniform.** The NEC had previously requested Air Force permission to remove the embroidered CAP cutout from the left collar of the BDU uniform and wear the grade insignia on both sides of the collar in the same manner as the active duty forces. The Air Force approved this proposal and the Committee was tasked by the National Commander to establish a phase out date for the wear of the cutout. The committee voted to recommend the National Board approve 30 September 2005 as the mandatory wear date for the grade insignia on both sides of the collar of the BDU uniform.

**c. Modification to EMT/Paramedic Badge.** The Committee reviewed a proposal requesting the EMT/Paramedic badge be expanded to a three level badge to match the various certification levels of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians. The proposal suggested that the current badge be awarded to those members holding an EMT rating at the basic level. The badge with a star on top would be awarded to all members with a valid EMT rating at the Intermediate level. The badge with a star and wreath would be awarded to all members with a valid EMT rating at the Paramedic level. After much discussion concerning the ability to identify the level of qualifications for those individuals wearing the current badge, **the Committee voted to recommend the National Board approve this change.** The proposal also requested that the EMT patch currently authorized for wear on the pocket of the BDU uniform be eliminated since it would be redundant to have both an EMT badge and a patch. **The Committee also recommended the National approve this change.**

**6. New Business: Change to CAPR 160-1 to include Certified Athletic Trainers to the list of professionals authorized to serve as Health Services Officers.** The proposal stated that athletic trainers are trained professional with a four year college curriculum and over 1,500 hours of practical skills experience in order to obtain professional certification by the National Athletic Trainers Association. Dr Greenstone informed the Committee that the recent revision to CAPR 160-1 was intended to align CAP Health Services professionals with those of the Air Force and he felt it would be premature to approve this proposal without determining how the Air Force treated these professionals. Col Hodgkins stated that he felt this proposal should be coordinated with the Air Force Surgeon General's office to determine if there were any Air Force concerns. Several Committee members stated that appointment as a Health Services Officers did not allow the member to engage in any type of practice of medicine except in life threatening circumstances when essential first aid could be provided, so they did not feel it was a critical issue. After much discussion, **the Committee recommended this item be referred to the Health Services Group for further staffing.**

**7.** The meeting concluded with each Committee member providing a brief synopsis of their background. The Chairman also asked each individual to think about what areas were of particular interest to them and what possible subcommittee they might like to serve on. The next meeting is scheduled for 13 March at 2000 hours central time. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1930.

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LYNDA C. ROBINSON, Colonel, CAP  
Chairman